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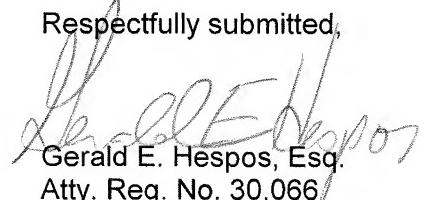
**REQUEST FOR STATUS OF REFUND**

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was allowed initially on September 20, 2007 and the issue fee initially was paid on December 19, 2007. However, shortly after paying the issue fee, Japanese counsel for the applicant became aware of relevant prior art that was cited in a foreign equivalent. Accordingly, the undersigned U.S. attorney petitioned to withdraw the application from issuance and filed a Request for a refund. The Request for a refund was acknowledged by the United States Patent and Trademark Office but has not yet been paid or refunded to Deposit Account No. 03-1030.

The prosecution of the application proceeded, and the application was allowed a second time on April 17, 2008. The undersigned U.S. attorney for the applicant intends to pay the issue fee. However, before paying the issue fee a second time, counsel would like to know the status of the previous Request for a refund. Please advise the undersigned attorney for the applicant when Deposit Account No. 03-1030 will be credited for the amount previously paid in connection with the first Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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